



## Lady Gaga Dissolves Deal With Target

By Advocate.com Editors

A source close to Lady Gaga confirms to The Advocate that the entertainer has dissolved her deal with Target over the chain's controversial political donations. "She and Target didn't see eye to eye on Target's policy of political donations and how they affect the LGBT community," the source tells The Advocate exclusively.

The Advocate was tipped off that the deal had crumbled by Bob Witeck of Witeck - Combs Communications.



Target came under fire by LGBT activists last year when it was revealed the discount store chain had donated corporate funds to MN Forward, a political action committee that supported antigay candidate Tom Emmer in his failed 2010 run for governor of Minnesota.

Last month Gaga discussed the decision to partner with Target with Billboard magazine.

"That discussion was one of the most intense conversations I've ever had in a business meeting," Gaga told the music publication. "Part of my deal with Target is that they have to start affiliating themselves with LGBT charity groups and begin to reform and make amends for the mistakes they've made in the past ... our relationship is hinged upon their reform in the company to support the gay community and to redeem the mistakes they've made supporting those [antigay] groups."

## United in Pride... Heartland Pride Updates

**QUESTION:** What's different about pride? (It's just another pride right?)

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Last fall partnerships were formed. Partnering with the CBCA (Council Bluffs Community Alliance) and CFEP (Citizens for Equal Protection) it was clear what our message would be, United in Pride. We ALL wanted to see a pride we all could be proud of! We all agreed that extending invitations and including our ally communities and partners was important.



Pride Chair Beth Rigatuso penned the phrase: "Returning Pride TO Pride!" Something we talk about at most every meeting. We have been meeting weekly since last fall to ensure that partnerships and relationships are built to make this a great pride. This will be our first run at it, but these are some highlights of what will be different:

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**ENTERTAINMENT:** We started of with just over \$100 in our bank account. Saturday, March 5th is our first big fundraising show at The Max, we know Joe did a great job booking entertainment to help raise some \$. So hiring out of town big names,

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THE WEEKEND: "It's Coming!" Friday night, June 24th America will be the heartbeat of OMAHA beat! AND last but not least Sunday, June 26th we are serving pancakes in the parking lot and sharing mimosa's! Don't leave just yet, come see JD and the girls we Flixx hosts another Drag Queen Bingo!

WEB SITE: Rebel Interactive is fast at work to bring us a new web site that will be amazing! Thank you Bruce (Buffy)

For up-to-date information on pride, tune in to our Facebook Page: Heartland Pride  
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Our next show is the annual Closet Ball Pageant to be held at the MAX on Sunday, March 20th, at 9:00pm. "Sideshow", is the theme for this year's show. This pageant is open to anyone in the Omaha area who has never performed on stage before in drag. Applications are due by next Friday, March 18th.

Also, MCC-Omaha has graciously involved ICON in the 5th annual Prom to be held on Saturday, March 26th at the Tip Top Ballroom. We encourage everyone in the community to come

out and enjoy a great evening with friends.

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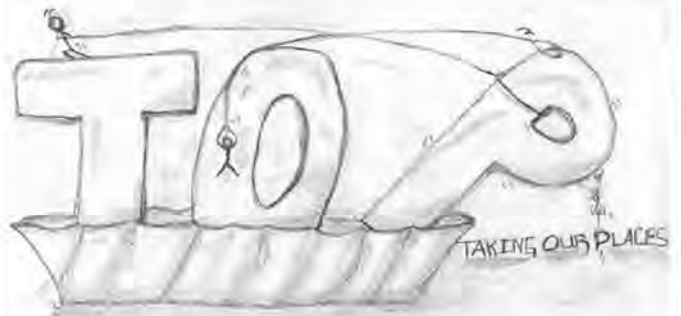
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# The Peter Pan Syndrome

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The longer I practice psychotherapy, the more I hear phrases like, "Only young guys turn me on", "men my age aren't attractive to me" or "being with someone older and more successful than I am terrifies me."

These phrases typically fall from the lips of mid-life gay men; I rarely hear them from guys in their 20's or 30's. I wonder if all successful gay/bi/trans guys are destined to be like those rich, narcissistic gay celebrities who - when they find another wrinkle or gray hair or saggy pec - get rid of boyfriend #1 and take up with someone who's barely legal? Is how we handle getting older?

Remember Peter Pan? His theme song was, "I won't grow up". Sound familiar? While this may be charming in an animated Disney character, it's pretty sad in a gay man. So many mid-life gay men lament: "I can't find anyone to date who's relationship material".

Is it such a big surprise that someone 20 years' younger than you isn't as mature as you are? Let's put the puzzle pieces together: unless you relish the role of perpetual daddy/mentor/teacher, you need a partner who's a peer, an equal... someone who's been "around the block" like you have and has comparable life experience. This is unlikely to be someone 20 years' younger than you.

Some mid-life gay or bisexual men say that men like them "do nothing for me". This is a form of self-hatred. Why would we reject potential partners who are our age? Must we hate growing older? Aging is inevitable... we can fight it (like Joan Rivers or Phyllis Diller) or we can accept it like Paul Newman, Robert Redford and other elder men who were once amazingly beautiful and still are, albeit in a 60- to-80-year-old way.

Peter Pan wants to stay eternally youthful... like a kid. Many of us want to look like a kid while we age. What an uphill struggle that is. Do you really want to experience all the anxiety and fear that comes with continually fighting the aging process?

I'm not recommending that you stay home, eat junk food and watch bad TV all day. However, neither should you obsess with every wrinkle, gray hair and physical change you are inevitably to experience. This is an incredible waste of your energy; it will bring you much suffering and depression.

Peter Pan never had an adult relationship; adult relationships are hard work. There's no botox shot or liposuction procedure to make you or your lover happy all the time. Real intimacy forces us to look at ourselves and see all of our unresolved shit, not just the carefully-maintained image we show to the world. One way to avoid real intimacy is by choosing men who are unavailable (emotionally or mentally) or a bad fit psychologically and maturity-wise. This kind of relationship would please Peter Pan immensely: he'd never have to deal with grown up

problems like the boredom, anger, frustration and impatience that come with adult, long-term relationships.

Many handsome and charming older gay men tell me that they want a beautiful, kind, sweet, "twink" boyfriend. While young men like this may be beautiful fantasy objects, with rare exceptions, they're not good potential partners for mid-life men. Psychologically, someone in his 20's is in a very different place than someone in his 40's or 50's.

The developmental tasks for 20-year-olds include: experimentation, finding yourself, having fun, getting laid, discovering who you are and what you like. This is rarely a good fit for men 20 to 30 years older. At this age, most of us are looking for something more meaningful: we've done the bars, the clubs, the alleys (!) and we want more. We've had great fun sex and been out all night more than we can count, but now we want something with depth and meaning. We want to connect with another man and see if we can create a good life together. Most young guys aren't there developmentally, emotionally or spiritually.

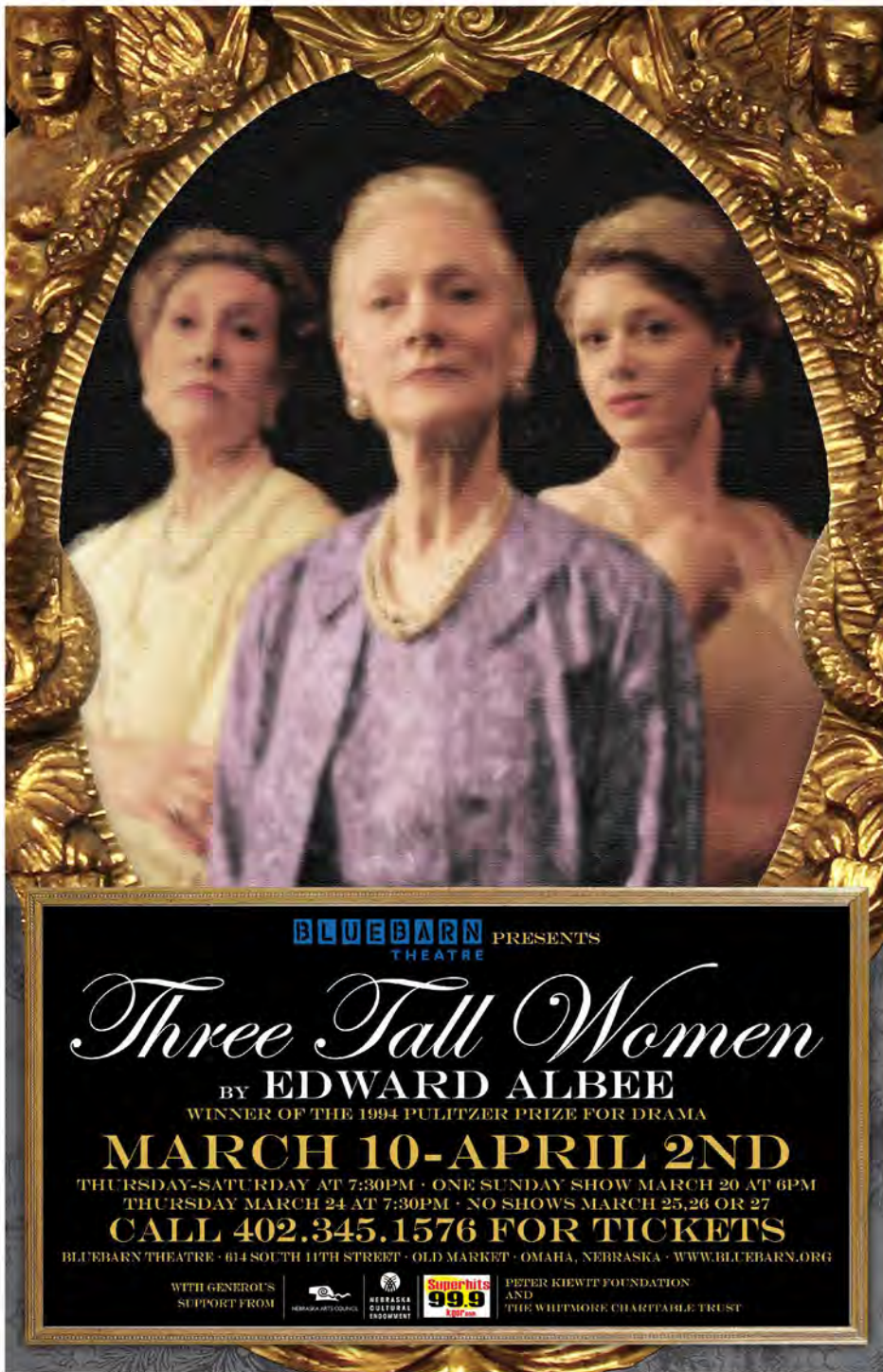
For some men, being with much younger men is about control; it may be a reaction to an earlier time in their life when they felt out of control (and probably were). These men may feel they can play the "older, wiser" man who may want to help or even mentor a younger guy; but, hey, all you silver daddies out there, check out your motivation! You may have unresolved emotional issues that push you to be very controlling of your relationship(s).

Picking much younger guys gives you a guarantee that you won't be threatened or challenged by someone your own age, who may see through your bullshit and call you on it. Picking beautiful but inexperienced "twinks" for partners is one way to avoid acting your age; you avoid having a partner who challenges you to be the mature man you could be.

Instead, you get to live out a "second adolescence" and pretend you're much younger than you are. It's a great way to avoid telling yourself the truth about who you are, how old you are, and how you feel about it.

Almost all of us, myself included, like looking at the youthful bodies of handsome young men: they are aesthetically beautiful, like living works of art. But what about the beauty of 40-year-old men, 50-year-old men... even 60- and 70-year-old men? Youth is a wonderful thing, but all too often it's used to sell us things we really don't need and, if unexamined, can destroy our self-esteem if we don't fit the picture of Youthful Gay Perfection. There's nothing wrong with finding young guys attractive, but if it prevents us from hooking up with someone hot, handsome and around our own age - someone who could potentially be a good boyfriend/lover/long term partner - than this Peter Pan side of ourselves is not really our friend, after all. He's the face of self-sabotage.





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By Advocate.com Editors

Former senator Rick Santorum opposes marriage equality and is livid over President Obama's refusal to defend the Defense of Marriage Act. But in a guest column for The Des Moines Register, he suggests he may finally be OK with gay people having sex.

In attempting to make a distinction between gay people's private lives and the public recognition that comes with marriage, Santorum wrote: "Let me first define what we are not talking about. I believe if two adults of the same sex want to have a relationship that is their business. But when they ask society to give that relationship special recognition and privileges, then we should be able to have a rational debate about whether that is good public policy."

In 2003, while discussing the then-pending Lawrence v. Texas, in which the Supreme Court overturned the remaining state laws against sodomy, Santorum told the Associated Press he felt the right to consensual sex between two

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Talking Points Memo reached out to Santorum's political action committee to comment on his guest column but received no response.





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## LGBT Mortgage Borrowers Need to Prepare for New Fannie Mae Rules

As many LGBT borrowers have heard through recent media reports, the huge mortgage agency Fannie Mae might get scrapped later this year. Whether or not that will adversely affect LGBT home buyers, LGBT homeowners wanting to re-finance, or LGBT sellers hoping that their buyers qualify for a mortgage is suddenly a big concern. Meanwhile Fannie Mae instituted much more stringent underwriting policies in February, requiring banks and other lenders to take a closer look at borrower credit and debt profiles. These high-

er standards could potentially have a significant impact on the mortgage loans of many consumers, especially those who are not aware of how to successfully respond to them in 2011.

Fannie Mae (the nickname for the Federal National Mortgage Association) participates in the majority of home mortgages that are made in the USA. But Fannie Mae is not a direct mortgage lender. Instead it underwrites and insures mortgages that banks and other lenders can then provide to Americans at less expensive rates. But the agency was poorly managed during the years leading up to the subprime mortgage crisis and it has been hemorrhaging money ever since. Now officials are talking about closing down the inefficient Fannie Mae and letting private banks and lenders handle Fannie Mae's responsibilities. First of all, breathe easy and rest assured. The troubles at Fannie Mae should not directly affect LGBT borrowers. No matter what changes are enacted regarding that agency it will have little impact on the average buyer or seller. Congress cannot risk jeopardizing the real estate economy by doing anything that would interfere with the smooth running of USA mortgage markets.

But there is, on the other hand, a recent development at Fannie Mae that does matter to LGBT borrowers. Fannie Mae has begun requiring its lenders to more carefully scrutinize borrower debt loads. The newly imposed underwriting standards affect all Fannie Mae loans, and the policy was in full force as of February 1st.

Here's how it works. Lenders are now told to examine 120 days of credit bureau files in the days leading up to a loan application. They used to only check back 90 days. What they are looking for is evidence that the borrower applied for new credit or loans that may not have showed up yet in their credit reports, but will be included in reports later – after the borrower's loan has already been processed. These add extra debt to the borrower's budget, so if Fannie Mae discovers that new loans have slipped past them they may decide to retroactively update the loan application before funding. Doing so could potentially result in a lowering of the originally approved mortgage amount – and that could, in turn, affect the financing on a home purchase that has not yet closed.

But what is even more drastic is that Fannie Mae has also instituted a policy of tracking credit behavior between the time that mortgage loans are approved and the actual closing date. It typi-



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cally takes anywhere from 30 to 60 days to process a loan and close on a house purchase, but if the borrower's files show evidence of new debt accrued during that timeframe Fannie Mae may trigger a new examination of the loan. If the borrower's new debts are significant enough the lender might change the original terms of the mortgage and could even decide to raise the interest rate. Should that occur the day before closing, for example, buyers and sellers may have to unpack the moving vans and reschedule their closing – and there is even an outside chance that the whole deal could fall apart in the 11th hour. But there is nothing for LGBT borrowers to worry about, as long as they take simple and deliberate steps to avoid all of this potential chaos. The main culprit is new debt. So as long as LGBT borrowers do not take on any extra debt during the 120 days leading up to the loan application – plus the month or two between loan application and the final closing transaction where they pay for the house and get the keys from the seller – there will be no red flags.

Avoid taking out auto loans, student loans, personal bank loans, or applications for new credit cards. Don't make any major purchases on credit cards or do anything else that could add to debt levels. Hold off on loans to fix up the new house and don't accept offers for department store credit cards to get a clothing discount. Postpone those furniture and home appliance purchases, for example, until after the deal has closed. Then there won't be any cause for underwriting adjustments or mortgage revisions.

LGBT borrowers who follow these straightforward guidelines and do not increase their debt during that 6-month window will be just fine, and their Fannie Mae approved loans should sail through without a hitch and without unexpected last minute surprises.

To find real estate and mortgage professionals dedicated to active support of the LGBT community, visit [www.GayMortgageLoans.com](http://www.GayMortgageLoans.com) and [www.GayRealEstate.com](http://www.GayRealEstate.com), or call toll free 1-888-420-MOVE (6683).



# GAYZETTE EVENTS

**Rainbow Outreach**  
**Metro Omaha GLBT Center**  
**1719 Leavenworth, Omaha**  
(mail address: PO Box 8583 Omaha NE 68108)

## NEW WALK-IN HOURS

Saturdays 4:00PM - 11:00PM  
Sundays 4:00PM - 6:00PM  
Thursdays 7:30PM - 9:00PM  
Fridays 6:00PM - 11:00PM

**\*Closed Most Major Holidays**  
**(402) 341-0330**  
**www.rainbowoutreach.org**

**The GLBT Center welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and allied persons; we encourage all to attend GLBT Center events and activities. We celebrate unity and diversity - sexual orientation, gender identity, sex, race, religion, age, ability, ethnic and national origin.**

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Every Sunday

**WORSHIP SERVICES:**  
**AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH,** ELCA, 3647 LaFayette Ave., Omaha GLBT friendly, www.augustanalutheran.com

**DIETZ METHODIST** 1423 S.10, Coffee-house casual downstairs at 9am, Traditional Worship at 11am

**EPISCOPAL GLBT FELLOWSHIP,** St. Andrews Church, 84th & Pacific, 6-7PM, email: EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com

**FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST,** info at: www.firstcentral.org

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST** 7020 Cass, 8:30 & 10:45am services

**FIRST UNITARIAN** 3114 Harney, 9:30 a.m. "eclectic service" and 11:15 a.m. "traditional service"

**GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** 4pm, Augustana Lutheran Church 3647 Lafayette Ave., Info call Mark 639-3055

**HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA** 8PM FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

**HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP** 7-8:30 pm at the NAP office located at 1921 South 17<sup>th</sup> Street in Lincoln, NE.

**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY**

**CHURCH OF OMAHA** 819 S. 22nd St., 345-2563 Sunday Worship 9am and 11am & Wednesday Worship at 7pm

**ONE PROMISE GROUP,** Narcotics Anonymous, every Sunday at 6PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 South 22nd St., for info contact Tamara B. at 714-8552

**RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE,** 3pm, Maplewood Lanes, at 402-572-9393

**SECOND UNITARIAN,** 10:30am Sunday service, 3012 South 119th St., Omaha NE

**UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA,** 3424 N. 90, Omaha, 10:30am service and Wednesday meditation service at 7pm

**WIMMIN'S SHOW,** KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

**Every Monday**  
**A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"**  
Meeting Place, 28 & S, Lincoln, 7:30 pm

**GAY/BI/STRAIGHT SUPPORT GROUP**  
**HIV+ MEN** 7pm every Monday, NAP, 2147 S. 15th St., Lincoln NE, contact Nick or Rick at 402-476-3144

**NA RAINBOW GROUP,** Narcotics Anonymous, meets Fridays thru Mondays at 10pm, MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

**RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS RE-HEARSALS,** 6:45PM—9:15PM, First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St.

**Every Tuesday**  
**HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE,** meet Tuesdays at 7PM (when college is in session), Please contact Dr Antje Anderson at [anderson@hastings.edu](mailto:anderson@hastings.edu) or Judy Sandeen at [jsandeen@hastings.edu](mailto:jsandeen@hastings.edu) for further information.

**UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUPPORT GROUP,** 7-8:30PM, Women's Center, Nebraska Union, Lincoln, 472-5644

**Every Wednesday**  
**AA FOURTH DIMENSION,** 7pm, Open to men and women, 219 North 48th Street

**FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK** 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha

**HIV TESTING LINCOLN,** 4-7 pm, results in 20 minutes, 1921 So. 17th St. 402-476-7000

**KARAOKE W/ STACY** 9:00 pm, at DC's Saloon

**LGBT A A** 7:30pm, Alcohol Ctrl., 2116 W. Faidley, Grand Island. Peggy (308) 226-8286, Center (308) 398-5427

**NAP HIV TESTING,** 250 South 77th St., by appointment only on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 4:00pm, Thursday and Friday Walk-In from 5pm to 9pm, & at the Respect Clinic walk-in from 5:30pm to 7pm

**UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA,** 7pm

## WORSHIP SERVICES

**MCC OMAHA,** Bible Study, 7pm

**Every Thursday**  
**CONNECTIONS THIRSTY THURSDAYS**  
Club Passion Party

**DANCE LESSONS WITH GORDON** 7pm, free, DC's Saloon, Classes run from Sept 9th thru May 20th annually

**KARAOKE W/ STACY** 9:00 pm, at DC's Saloon

**NAP HIV TESTING** 5pm- 9pm walk-in, 250 So. 77th, Same day results

**OMAHA GLBT SPORTS LEAGUE,** playing Softball every Thursday 6-10pm, at Churchich park (50th and C). Games will be played through August 12th

**Every Friday**  
**LIVE & LET LIVE AA Meeting,** 8:15pm to 9:15pm, Open to men and women, at Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church, 851 North 74th Street

**LIVE & LET LIVE AL-ANON,** a group focused on support and recovery for the friends and relatives of alcoholics, 7pm to 8pm at the Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church, 851 North 74th Street

## OUT & ABOUT SOCIAL CLUB

Open to everyone 21 and over, every Friday 6:30pm (time may vary), for more info email [outandaboutsocialclub@gmail.com](mailto:outandaboutsocialclub@gmail.com)

**DJ & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT** at Connections Bar, theme nights and shows

**GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT,** 6PM to 11PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays. 1719 Leavenworth Street, snacks, soda's provided

**NAP HIV TESTING** 5pm- 9pm walk-in, 250 So. 77th, Same day results

**Every Saturday**  
**AA SATURDAY AFTERNOON,** 1:30pm, Open to men and women, 219 North 48th Street, call 402-558-0733 for more info

**DJ MUSIC AND DANCING** 10PM, Connections Bar (open Thurs., Fri., Sat. nights from 6PM to 2AM)

**PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP** 4-6pm, First United Methodist Church, 291-6781 [proudhorizons@yahoo.com](mailto:proudhorizons@yahoo.com)

**Every Other Friday**  
**CBCA SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER** at Broadway Joe's (34th & Broadway in CB) starting at 5:15pm every other Friday

## MONTHLY EVENTS



### 1<sup>st</sup> Monday

**HEARTLAND PRIDE**, meeting 1st Monday of each month at Element Hotel, Omaha. Email: info@heartlandpride.org, or PO Box 8273, Omaha, NE 68106

### 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday

**FREE RAPID HIV TESTING**, 8pm to 10pm at Flixx Show Bar, STD testing also available for \$10, call 552-9260 ext. 113 or 142 or visit www.nap.org for more info

### 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday

**GLBT PROFESSIONALS**, meeting at 5:30pm in various locations. Email at: GOGlbt@cfep-ne.org or see www.GOGlbt.org for info

### 1<sup>st</sup> Friday

**FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE** 8pm, Musicians, poets, open mic, First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

### 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

**HEARTLAND GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION**, Meeting days and times may vary, call 402-505-3331 for info or see www.hgra.us for meeting schedules etc.

**RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE**, at 7:00 pm . See www.rivercitygenderalliance.org

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

#### **SPIRITUAL FRIENDS OF LINCOLN**

12-1pm Fellowship and 1p-2p worship Meets Lincoln at Bennett Martin Library info@inclusivelife.org and on FaceBook

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

**PFLAG- OMAHA**, 7pm to 9pm, First United Methodist Church

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday

#### **LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER**

L2EP@aol.com 2pm; DC's Saloon

**TOP TRANSGENDER DROP-IN**, 6 to 9pm at Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

**IMPERIAL COURT OF NE**, Board of Governors meeting, 6pm, meeting at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Community Center, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

#### **PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL (HASTINGS, NE)**

Meeting on 3rd Mondays at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 7th and Marian St., 7PM, email to jsandeen@inebraska.com or call 402.462.2961 or 402.460.8696

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

**COFFEE HOUSE** Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

#### **LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS**

6:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

**BCA MEETING** 5 PM until about 6:30 PM is our monthly meeting with potluck. We meet at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Council Bluffs

### 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

**PFLAG-CORNHUSKER** Unitarian Church,

6300 & A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.

**YOUTH HIV TEST** Lighthouse, 2530 N, Lincoln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220. 3-5:30 pm

### 4<sup>th</sup> Friday

**LEO - LEATHER ENGINEERS OF OMAHA**, Not currently meeting.

**Email Your Event to:  
GAYZETTE@COX.NET**

## A Nebraska Cow

The only cow in a small town in Arkansas stopped giving milk. The people did some research and found they could buy a cow in Nebraska for \$200.00.

They bought the cow from Nebraska and the cow was wonderful. It produced lots of milk all of the time, and the people were pleased and very happy.

They decided to acquire a bull to mate with the cow and produce more cows like it. They would never have to worry about their milk supply again.

They bought a bull and put it in the pasture with their beloved cow.

However whenever the bull came close to the cow, the cow would move away. No matter what approach the bull tried, the cow would move away from the bull and he could not succeed in his quest.

The people were very upset and decided to ask the Vet, who was very wise, what to do. They told the Vet what was happening.

"Whenever the bull approaches our cow, she moves away. If he approaches from the back, she moves forward. When he approaches her from the front, she backs off. An approach from the side and she walks away to the other side." The Vet thinks about this for a minute and asked, "Did you buy this cow in Nebraska?"

The people were dumbfounded, since they had never mentioned where they bought the cow.

"You are truly a wise Vet," they said. "How did you know we got the cow in Nebraska?" The Vet replied with a distant look in his eye, "My wife is from Nebraska."

## The Deaf Bookkeeper

A Mafia Godfather finds out that his bookkeeper, Guido, has cheated him out of \$10 million dollars.

His bookkeeper is deaf. That was the reason he got the job in the first place. It was assumed that Guido would hear nothing so he would never be able to testify against the Godfather in court.

When the Godfather went to confront Guido about his missing \$10 million, he took along his lawyer who knows sign language.

The Godfather told the lawyer, "Ask him where's the money?" The lawyer, using sign language, asked Guido where's the money?.

Guido signed back, "I don't know what you are talking about."

The lawyer told the Godfather, "He says he doesn't know what you are talking about."

The Godfather pulled out a pistol, and put it to Guido's temple and said, "Ask him again!"

The lawyer signed to Guido, "He'll kill you if you don't tell him."

Guido signed back, "OK, OK!!!! You win! The money is in a brown briefcase, buried behind the shed at my cousin Bruno's house."

The Godfather asked the lawyer, "What did he say?"

The lawyer replied, "He says you don't have the balls to pull that trigger!"

No cows or bulls were harmed by these jokes although the cow was traumatized, stopped producing milk and eventually sent back to Nebraska (along with the Vet's wife). Funeral services for the bookkeeper are next Wednesday. The lawyer retired to Tahiti, changed his name and is living high on the hog. The Godfather was arrested and sent to prison for tax evasion. He needed a better bookkeeper!



# GLBT RESOURCE LIST

## OMAHA BASED

**Alphabet (ABC) Soup at UNO**, [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno\\_abcoup](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno_abcoup), Phone Student Organizations at 554-2711.

**BiMenNebraska**, Social Support for Bi and BiCurious Men <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BiMenNebraska> and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Bi-MEN-MIDWEST>

**Camp Kindle**, Nebraska based summer camp for kids affected by HIV/AIDS, 877.800.CAMP, [www.CampKindle.org](http://www.CampKindle.org)

**Citizens for Equal Protection** 1105 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 [www.cfep-ne.org](http://www.cfep-ne.org), email to: [Michael@cfep-ne.org](mailto:Michael@cfep-ne.org)

**Diamond Foundation**, making a difference through music and education, call 877-87-DIAMOND/[www.diamond-foundation.org](http://www.diamond-foundation.org)

**Family Foundations** Therapy for individuals, couples or families, for info call 558-3856

**First Central Congregational Church UCC**, 421 South 36th St., 402-345-1533, [www.firstcentral.org](http://www.firstcentral.org), GLBT-affirming

**First Lutheran Church**, 542 So. 31st St., 402-345-7506, GLBT Friendly [www.firstlutheranomaha.org](http://www.firstlutheranomaha.org)

**First Unitarian Church**, 3114 Harney Street, 402-345-3039, [www.firstuuomaha.org](http://www.firstuuomaha.org), GLBT Welcoming Congregation

**First United Methodist Church**, 7020 Cass St., 402-556-6262, [www.fumcomaha.org](http://www.fumcomaha.org), GLBT-affirming

**Flat Water Bears**, (group disbanded)

**Front Runners/Walkers**, Wednesdays at 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha

**Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network - Omaha**, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 712-325-0117 <http://www.glsenomaha.org>

**GayLibrary.com**, World Wide Resources

**GOglbt Professionals**, meeting at 5:30PM. Email at: [GOglbt@cfep-ne.org](mailto:GOglbt@cfep-ne.org) or see [www.GOglbt.org](http://www.GOglbt.org) for info

**Heartland Pride**  
PO Box 8273 Omaha, NE 68108, email: [info@heartlandpride.org](mailto:info@heartlandpride.org)

**Heartland Gay Rodeo Association**, see [www.hgra.us](http://www.hgra.us) for information

**Ice Bowl Invitational Bowling Tournament (IBIT)** P.O. Box 31838, Omaha, 68131 R. Hollendieck (402) 556-5556

**Imperial Court of Nebraska**, Box 3772, Omaha 68103, Board Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center at 6pm, [www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org](http://www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org)

**Inclusive Life**  
402-575-7006 [www.inclusivelife.org](http://www.inclusivelife.org)  
Offering religious and non-religious care and services to all without exception. Weddings, Funerals, Coaching and Pastoral Care.

**Learning to Exchange Power**, no current info available

**Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO)** not currently meeting

**LinOma Bares**, for more Info email [linomabares@yahoo.com](mailto:linomabares@yahoo.com) or mail to P.O. Box 24547, Omaha NE 68124

**Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha**, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, [mccomaha@mccomaha.org](mailto:mccomaha@mccomaha.org)  
Website: [www.mccomaha.org](http://www.mccomaha.org) Sunday Worship 9am and 11am, Wed. Worship at 7pm

**NA Rainbow Group**, Narcotics Anonymous, meets Friday thru Monday at 10pm, MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

**Nebraska AIDS Project**, 250 So. 77th St., testing Wed from 1:30-4PM by appointment only, Thurs & Fri 5PM-9PM with 20 minute results Call 402-552-9255 for info

**NebraskaEquality.org**, Find out everything about Nebraska and the GLBT Community

**Nebraska Pride IDOL**, PO Box 241733, Omaha NE 68124, 866-4-NE-IDOL, [www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com](http://www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com)

**Nebraska Zen Center**, Soto Zen Buddhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-9035, [www.prairiewindzen.org](http://www.prairiewindzen.org) GLBT inclusive

**North Side Christian Church** 5555 Larimore Ave., Contemporary service Saturday night at 5:30pm

**The 'Ohana Group**, (GLBT / Non-traditional Family group), email to: [Theohanagroup@msn.com](mailto:Theohanagroup@msn.com)

**Omaha NE Gay Pride Web Page**  
<http://ONGP.com>; email to: [omahanegaypride@cox.net](mailto:omahanegaypride@cox.net) or [ongp1@cox.net](mailto:ongp1@cox.net)

**Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League**, See [www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org](http://www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org) for more information

**Onyx Images**, Box 31026, 68131-0026  
Social/Support Organization for African American Males age 21 and over

**Out and About in Nebraska**, website: [www.travel.to/outabout](http://www.travel.to/outabout)  
Email: [NeOutAbout@yahoo.com](mailto:NeOutAbout@yahoo.com)

**OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance)** First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, [www.ouut.org](http://www.ouut.org)

**Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter**  
Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064 291-6781 Website: [www.pflag-omaha.org](http://www.pflag-omaha.org), email [info@pflag-omaha.org](mailto:info@pflag-omaha.org), meet at 7pm, 1st United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass

**Proud Horizons Youth Group**, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email [proudhorizons@yahoo.com](mailto:proudhorizons@yahoo.com)

**Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr**, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330

**Rainbow Celebrations**, PO Box 8488, Omaha, 68108, call 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & National Coming Out Day, for complete info see [www.rainbowcelebrations.org](http://www.rainbowcelebrations.org)

**River City Gender Alliance**, for info see [www.rivercitygenderalliance.org](http://www.rivercitygenderalliance.org)

**River City Mixed Bowling** Sundays, Maplewood Lanes Omaha, at 3PM call 402-572-9393 for details

**River City Mixed Chorus**, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: [www.rcmc.org](http://www.rcmc.org)

**SECOND UNITARIAN CHURCH**, 3012 South 119th Street, 402-334-0537, [www.secondunitarianomaha.org](http://www.secondunitarianomaha.org), GLBT Welcoming Congregation

**SNAP Productions**, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 [www.snapproductions.com](http://www.snapproductions.com)

**Temple Israel Synagogue**, 7023 Cass St., 402-556-6536, member of the Union for Reform Judaism, GLBT inclusive

**TOP, Taking Our Places**, meets 2nd Saturdays at 6pm at Rainbow Outreach Center

**Unity Church of Omaha** 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 10:30am Wednesday meditation service 7pm; 571-1344; [www.unityomaha.org](http://www.unityomaha.org)

**Youth Emergency Services, Inc. (Y.E.S.)**  
Offices: 2679 Farnam Street, Suite. 205 Omaha, NE 68131, 402-345-5187, email to [info@yesomaha.org](mailto:info@yesomaha.org)

**Y.E.S. Drop-in Center**, 2057 Harney Street Omaha, NE 68102, 402-505-6922

## LINCOLN BASED

**LGBTQ and Ally Programs and Services Resource Center**, Pat Tetreault, LGBTQ Resource Center Director, <http://involved.unl.edu/lgbtqa> - 402.472.1752 or 402-472-1652

<http://www.unl.edu/health/sexuality>

**Queer Student Alliance, UNL**, contact [unlqsa@yahoo.com](mailto:unlqsa@yahoo.com) for info

**GLBT and Allies coffee house**, 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, 7:30 to 10:30pm

**Lincoln Women's Center**, Lincoln 402/472-2597.

**Nebraska AIDS Project**, Lincoln, 1921 S. 17th St. (402) 476-7000

**Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise**, 4949 N. 73rd, Lincoln, 68507 467-5737

**Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter**: Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, [jbkiber@hotmail.com](mailto:jbkiber@hotmail.com). Website: <http://pflag.ineb.org/>

**Planned Parenthood, F2M and Questioning Support group & Partners of FTM Support Group**, meet monthly at 10am Saturday, for info call Ryan Sallans at 441-3321 or email [sindu.s@gmail.com](mailto:sindu.s@gmail.com)

**SAGE**, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat, 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46

**Spiritual Friends of Lincoln**  
Offering fellowship and worship for those seeking radical hospitality, openness, and inclusiveness. Meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday in Lincoln

[info@inclusivelife.org](mailto:info@inclusivelife.org) and on Facebook

**Straight Spouse Support Grp** 402-429-6094  
**TriCity GLBT**, serving Central Nebraska.



web site at <http://www.tri-city-glbtc.com/>  
**UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns**, Contact Pat Tetreault, (402) 472-1752 or email: [ptetreault1@unl.edu](mailto:ptetreault1@unl.edu) / [www.unl.edu/cglbtc](http://www.unl.edu/cglbtc)  
**Women In Trades/YWCA**, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,  
**Youth Support Group**, (402) 434-9880

## Iowa Based

**Council Bluffs Community Alliance**  
[www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org](http://www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org)  
**Council Bluffs Pride**, [www.councilbluffspride.org](http://www.councilbluffspride.org)  
**Iowa Equality**, GLBT –allied against change to the state and federal Constitutions, <http://www.IowaEquality.org>  
**Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site**: [www.siouxlandpride.net](http://www.siouxlandpride.net)

## Nationally Based

**Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and Questioning Youth** 1-800-850-8078 or see web site at <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html>

## Colorado Advances Civil Unions Bill

The state's senate judiciary committee approves a civil unions bill, more than 18 years after voters passed an antigay amendment that led to the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Romer v. Evans*.

By Sunnivic Brydum

In a bipartisan vote of 6-3, the Colorado senate judiciary committee Monday approved a civil unions bill, more than 18 years after state voters passed an amendment banning antidiscrimination protections for gays and lesbians —



one that was overturned four years later by the U.S. Supreme Court in the landmark case *Romer v. Evans*.

The bill now moves on to the state senate appropriations committee, where it will undergo further revision and debate before being voted on by the full senate.

The bill, introduced last month by gay Democratic senator Pat Steadman of Denver, offers many of the legal rights and responsibilities conferred by marriage, though civil unions as prescribed in the bill, SB-172, differ from marriage as required by Colorado's constitution, which voters amended in 2006 to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

The bill does provide numerous legal protections for gay and lesbian couples and their families, including inheritance and survivorship rights, medical decision-making, and clarifications on parental responsibility for children born within and outside of a civil union, including establishing step-parent adoption procedures as applicable to married couples. The bill also provides a legal framework for the orderly dissolution of civil unions, similar to the state language regulating divorce.

All five committee Democrats were joined by Republican senator Ellen Roberts of Durango in their support of the bill. In her closing statements, Collins commended the familial protections included in the bill and cited her experience working in family services, where she said she saw no difference in the love and commitment shown by gay and lesbian parents than that shown by heterosexual parents.

Steadman said of Monday's vote in favor of civil unions: "I'm elated. This is a very significant event for me personally, and for my constituents, and for the advancement of our laws in Colorado, to make sure that they work equally for everyone."

Supportive testimony for the state senate bill drew 27 witnesses representing a varied collection of citizens from across the state, including activists, business organizations, and religious

## Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

### Omaha:

Broadway Joe's Bar, 35th & Broadway	Council Bluffs IA
Connections, 1901 Leavenworth	933-3033
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street	344-3103
Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 1915 Leavenworth	346-3549
Flixx, 1015 South 10th Street Omaha	408-1020
The Max, 1417 Jackson St.	346-4110
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street	
Mystery Bookstore, 1414 South 13th St.	342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 South 77th St	552-9260
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth	449-8703
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette)	341-0330

### Lincoln:

Panic Bar, 200 South 18th Street (as available) 435-8764  
 Q Bar, 226 South 9th Street (as available) 475-2269

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clergy representatives.

Testimony in opposition to the bill saw 19 witnesses, including Rosina Kovar, whose testimony was the most provocative of the hearing. In addition to quoting Joseph Stalin, comparing "homosexual fornication and sodomy" to Big Tobacco, and describing the physical composition of the anus, Kovar claimed that this bill would lead to mandated sex education in elementary schools. "If you introduce sexual education to kids [between the ages of 5 and 12], they won't learn compassion," she said.

Republican senators Kevin Lundberg, Steve King, and Mark Scheffel voted against the bill. Of those voting no, Lundberg, the ranking Republican committee member, was the only legislator to speak. His commentary focused on the similarities between civil unions and marriage, arguing that SB-172 essentially creates a "carbon copy" of marriage.

"Make no mistake," Lundberg said in his closing comments, "this bill will change the institution of marriage for Colorado."

Judiciary Committee vice-chair and lesbian senator Lucía Guzmán expressed her hope in the bill's success at Monday's hearing. "I'm cautiously optimistic," Guzmán said. "I think the more we are able to speak to people on both sides, the more people might understand that this is a justice issue, that it's a legal issue."

For some LGBT Colorado residents, civil unions don't go far enough. Tom Carllon and Gabe Martinez, a gay couple who were married in California prior to Proposition 8, testified in opposition to the bill, arguing that civil unions only serve to confuse voters about the rights actually offered to LGBT couples. Marriage equality is the ultimate goal, Carllon stated, and anything less is "just the crumbs, not the cake."

"Civil unions will be an excuse not to upgrade us to marriage," Carllon testified. "The public will forever equate civil unions as marriage, or, less hopefully, just 'good enough' as marriage."

## Gay Minnesota Teen Killed Himself

By Advocate.com Editors

After nearly two months of speculation and controversy, the death of Minnesota teenager Lance Lundsten has been ruled a suicide by the Douglas County medical examiner.

The 18-year-old gay high school senior, whose death contributed to a national conversation about teen bullying and suicide, was found at his home around 10 p.m. January 15 in need of medical care. Officers rushed Lundsten to the Douglas County Hospital, where he was later pronounced dead.

While Lundsten's family believed the teen died from a medical condition, rumors circulated that Lance had committed suicide after being bullied at school for being gay. An autopsy on January 18 revealed a slightly enlarged heart, but the medical examiner listed the cause of death as undetermined.

On Monday medical examiner Mark Spanbauer confirmed that the case had officially been ruled a suicide, according to KSAX.com. Spanbauer said the toxicology report from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and MEDTOX determined that Lunsten had died from ingesting mixed drugs.



## Rollins Chastises Boehner

By Advocate.com Editors

In his column for VanityFair.com, rocker Henry Rollins blasts former president Clinton for establishing the Defense of Marriage Act as well as current House leader John Boehner for defending it.

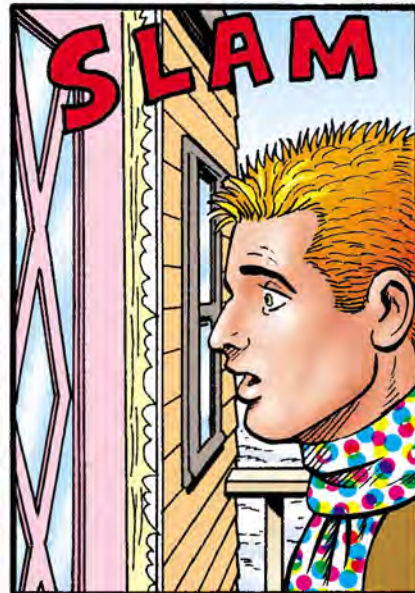
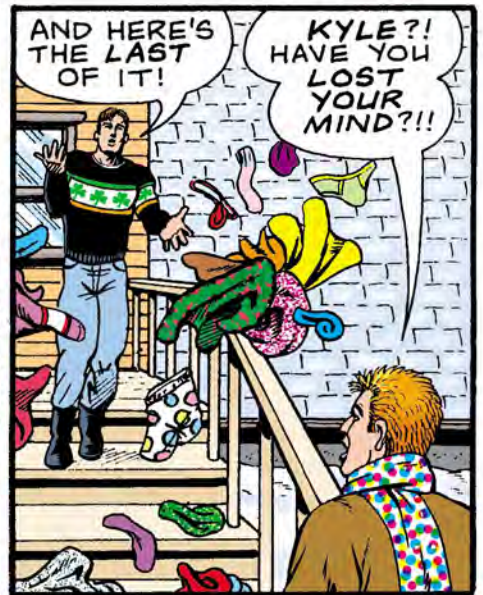
"When things threaten to become too constitutional, thankfully, there's someone like John Boehner, owner of every third tear cried in America, to step in and attempt to push America back into the good old days of darkness," Rollins writes. "Rather than shoulder the awesome burden of creating some damned jobs in America, he goes for the easy cheap shot of going after gay Americans. Again."

Rollins says that same-sex marriage is undeniably constitutional and that Boehner should be focusing on job creation, not defending DOMA.





# Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox





# Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



You would think that a person with great health wouldn't experience any problems getting health insurance. You would think! I am that someone who is in great health and yet one of the big insurance companies put me through the meat grinder recently to lower my deductible. How then is it possible that anyone with less than desirable health has a chance of garnering health insurance?

I have had my fair share of colds, the flu, and some nettlesome allergies that have dotted my landscape these past many years. I am allergic to cats and I have been given a prescription to help with that. I have had this prescription for some time now and nothing has changed. The insurance company already knew about this and yet they investigated once again. It is a \$4 prescription and yet they investigated my nefarious cat allergy medication!

I had a cervical fusion almost seven years ago. As horrible as that sounds, it was only a bulging disk in my neck area and surgery rectified the problem. I have fully recovered from that. Even though I have the same insurance company and only wanted to lower my deductible, the investigators began their interrogation about this procedure.

I have been running 30 miles per week since that surgery those many years ago. I have been lifting heavy weights in my workouts three times per week since the doctors performed their work on my neck area. I have been engaged in work that involves plenty of physical activity over the last 84 months. Shouldn't common sense dictate at some point that I have successfully moved on from that cervical fusion?

I even forgot to inform the insurance company on the application that I had a heart problem. It wasn't because I was evasive but instead because I simply forgot. I forgot because there was never any credence to the test results in the first place. A false positive EKG reading one day during a routine physical exam indicated I had an abnormality with my ticker.

The subsequent stress test and negative reading left the doctors and nurses amazed at my cardiovascular strength. But imagine if the insurance experts found out about this situation! Which side of the coin do you think they would have focused upon? Furthermore, I was very recently given a very thorough physical exam by a life insurance company after requesting a large policy amount. And if there's anything we know about insurance companies, it's that they are thorough to a nauseating degree! This thorough exam indicated I was eligible for the ultra premium life insurance rate because of my superb health. My agent informed me that only three other people out of his 1500 clients in 15 years were eligible for this rate based on their excellent health.

Why wouldn't my health insurance company be able to use the very recent results of the thorough physical exam conducted by the life insurance company? I gave my consent for the release of information which would prove my wellness worthiness to them. You are light years ahead of me if you guessed the health

insurance company ignored these exam results from the life insurance company.

Three months after beginning my journey for a lower deductible, I was granted approval for my request.

The tenor of my message is not to discuss how healthy I am. I am aware that at any time I could lose my health and that is precisely why I wanted to have the insurance plan I selected. Instead the focus should be why someone with my level of health should have such a difficult time getting health insurance. Maybe it's time to get out the pitchforks and torches!

This health and fitness article is brought to you by that guy with plenty of aplomb! That guy of unshakable poise is Ron Blake and he can be reached at [rblake5551@hotmail.com](mailto:rblake5551@hotmail.com)

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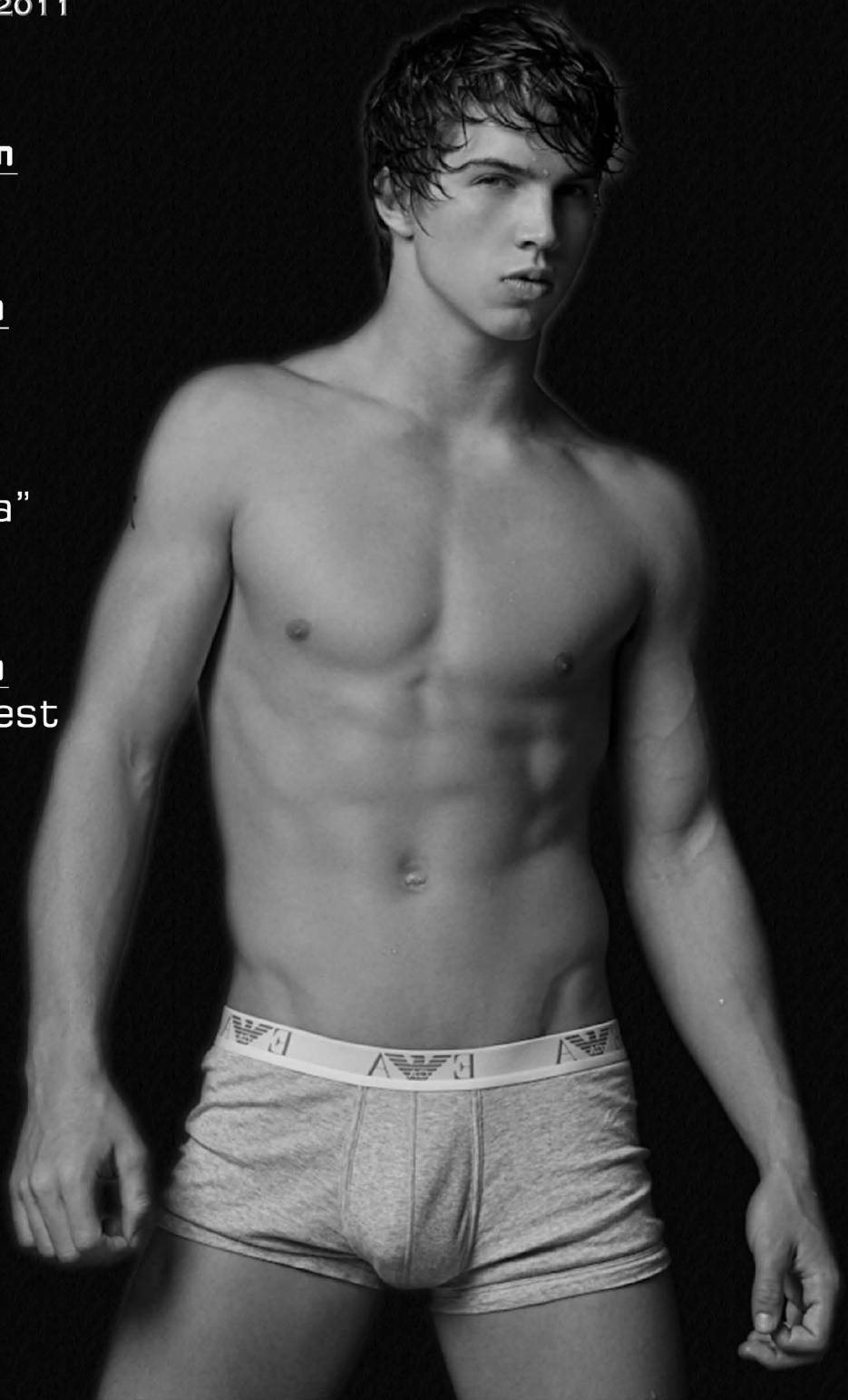
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